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# MEAN ANNUAL PRECIPITATION

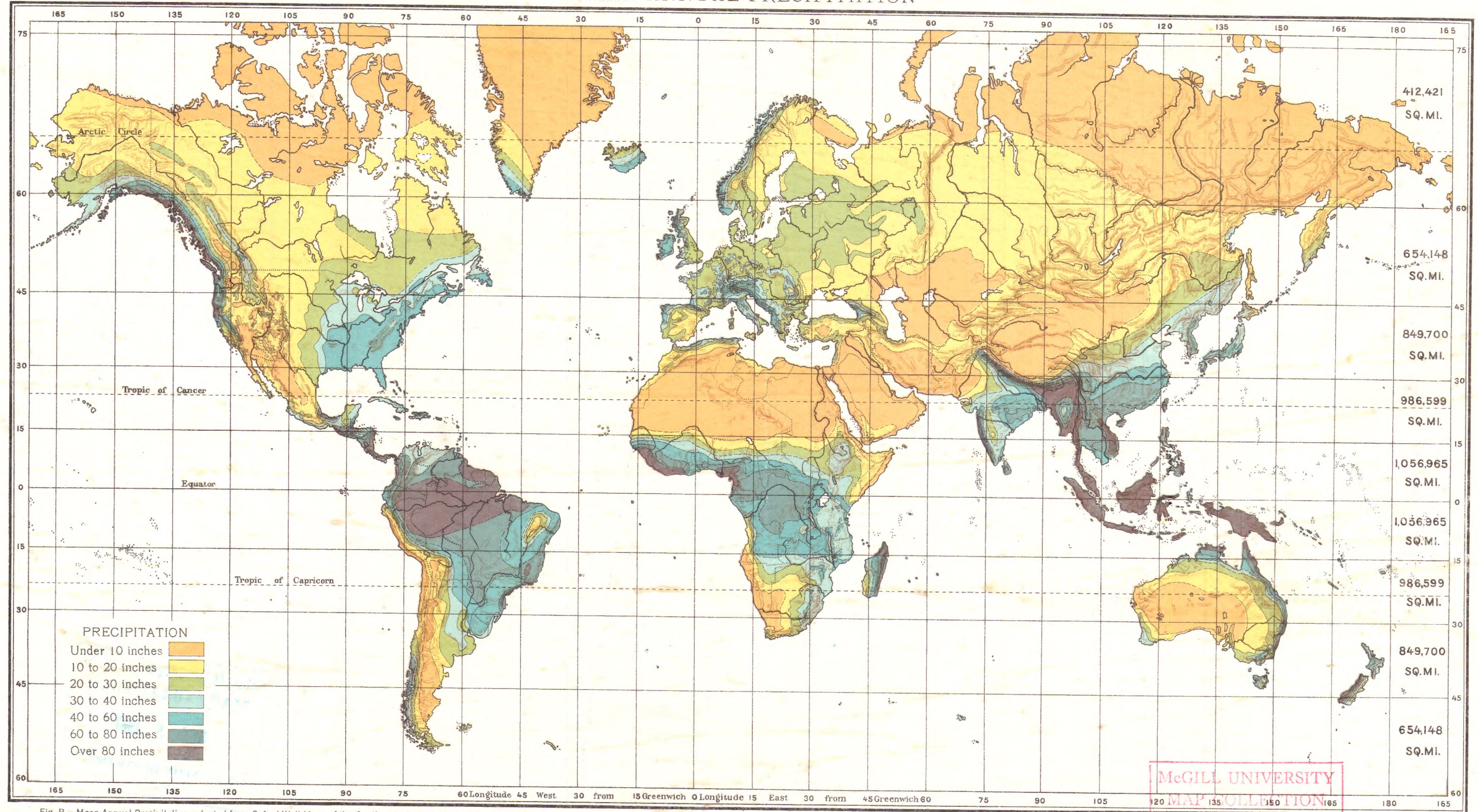


Fig. B.—Mean Annual Precipitation, adapted from Oxford Wall Maps of the Continents, by A. J. Herbertson, 1908-1911, except the United States, which is based on data supplied by U. S. Weather Bureau. Outside the tropics there are only four extensive areas receiving sufficient rainfall to support a large population—Southeastern Asia, Europe, Southeastern North America, and Southeastern South America. The Asiatic and European areas have attained a density of population several fold greater than the American areas, which afford practically the sole outlet for the increasing population of the Old World, except for the small areas of agricultural land in South Africa and Australia. The tropics are the most abundantly watered regions of the world, but their adaptability to settlement by the white race is uncertain.

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